

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph presented in the last previously filed amendment to replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16 and ending at page 8, line 8, as follows:

The present invention provides a method of managing ideas for prospectively patentable inventions, comprising the steps of:

(a) ~~maintaining a computer database for accumulating ideas~~ causing a computer system to execute instructions that cause accumulation of idea contributions for prospectively patentable inventions in a computer database; ~~and~~

(b) ~~programming a computer to provide~~ causing the computer system to execute instructions that cause the assignment of contingent contractual rights to contributors of said idea contributions, or parties specified by said contributors, in exchange for ~~transfers~~ transfer of property rights under patent rights to prospectively patentable inventions derived at least in part from the accumulated ideas, or in exchange for contractual obligations to transfer said property rights, wherein said contingent contractual rights are to a portion of ~~anticipated~~ income ~~derived~~ from said property rights; and

(c) marketing at least some contractual rights under said assigned contingent contractual rights to a portion of income from said property rights.

After the preceding amended paragraph, please insert the following new paragraph(s):

In another aspect, the present invention provides a method of marketing contractual rights to a portion of income from property rights under patent rights to prospectively patentable inventions,

wherein a computer system has caused idea contributions for said prospectively patentable inventions to have been accumulated in a computer database;

wherein a computer system has caused assignment of contingent contractual rights to have been made to contributors of said idea contributions, or parties specified by said contributors, in exchange for transfer of said property rights under patent rights to prospectively patentable inventions derived at least in part from the accumulated ideas, or in exchange for contractual obligations to transfer said property rights, wherein said contingent contractual rights are to a portion of income from said property rights; and

wherein said method comprises the step of:

(a) causing a computer system to execute instructions that cause marketing of at least some said contractual rights under said assigned contingent contractual rights to a portion of income from said property rights in an on-line marketable format.

Please amend the paragraph at page 41, lines 14-22, as follows:

The current owner of a contingent contractual right 40 may elect, among other possible choices, to transfer, sell, or auction the contingent contractual rights 40 to other parties such as a party having a membership for the purpose of purchasing such contractual contingent rights 40. The computer system 21 is programmed to enable implementation of such choices by enabling only idea contributors whom own contingent contractual rights 40 to access an Idea Share Owner Marketing Options Configuration Screen display, such as shown in FIG. 56. Such access is effected by clicking a Marketing Options button in the Current Idea Section of a Solution type screen display, such as shown in FIG. 22A.

Please amend the paragraph at page 42, lines 1-5, as follows:

Depending upon which of the options shown in the screen display of FIG. 56 is selected and submitted, one of four different types of Idea Share Prospector Information Screen displays can be accessed when a person subsequently viewing the idea solution in the screen display of FIG. 22A clicks the Prospector Information button in the Current Idea Section of a Solution type screen display, such as shown in FIG. 22A.

Please amend the paragraph at page 42, lines 6-9, as follows:

When the “Do not offer this idea share for sale to interested parties” option on the screen display of FIG. 56 has been selected and submitted, the Idea Share Prospector Information Screen display shown in FIG. 57 is displayed in response to clicking the Prospector Information button in the screen display of FIG. 22A.

Please amend the paragraph at page 42, lines 10-13, as follows:

When the “Accept bids from interested parties without obligation to sell” option on the screen display of FIG. 56 has been selected and submitted, the Idea Share Prospector Information Screen display shown in FIG. 58 is displayed in response to clicking the Prospector Information button in the screen display of FIG. 22A.

Please amend the paragraph at page 42, lines 14-17, as follows:

When the “List this Idea share for automatic sale to anyone at a fixed price” option on the screen display of FIG. 56 has been selected and submitted, the Idea Share Prospector Information Screen display shown in FIG. 59 is displayed in response to clicking the Prospector Information button in the screen display of FIG. 22A.

Please amend the paragraph at page 42, lines 18-22, as follows:

When the “Auction this Idea share to the highest bidder” option on the screen display of FIG. 56 has been selected and submitted, the Idea Share Prospector Information Screen display shown in FIG. 60 is displayed in response to clicking the Prospector Information button in the screen display of FIG. 22A. Bids submitted by use of the screen display of FIG. 60 are subsequently displayed in the Bidding History portion of such screen display.